However, incidence of gold is reported from the Siwalik belt along the foothills of Himalaya in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Chandigarh, Jammu and Kashmir and Arunachal Pradesh;

(c) and (d). Such uneconomic and low grade dispersed occurrences of gold do not justify any exploitation activity and hence, question does not arise.

Running of Trains with Adequate Brake Powers

948. SHRI MURALIDHAR JENA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether adequate brake power is not being provided for running of trains;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to run trains with adequate brake powers to prevent accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

STD Facility to Members of TAC

949. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether members of the Telecom Advisory Committees of the States are provided with STD facility, and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Members of TAC at State level are provided with STD facility on functional requirements of the TAC concerned.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Supply of Steel by SAIL to Madhya Pradesh

950. DR. RAM LAKHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of steel supplied to Madhya Pradesh by the Steel Authority of India during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(b) the quantity of the steel supplied to the rural areas of Bhind, Datiya and Murena in the State during the above period;

(c) whether the steel sheets supplied for rural areas was sold in black marketing for use in urban areas; and

(d) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (d). Details of saleable steel sold in Madhya Pradesh by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 (upto October, 1996) are given below :

Year	Quantity ('000 T)
1994-95	593.1
1995-96	711.2
1996-97 (upto October, 1996)	309.6

SAIL does not sell its steel on the basis of rural/urban areas. However, sales of SAIL steel through its Branch Sales Office at Gwalior which caters to six districts of Madhya Pradesh including Bhind, Datiya and Morena Districts, have been as follows during the above period :

Year	Quantity
1994-95	37,250 M/T
1995-96	42,292 M/T
1996-97 (upto October, 1996)	15,625 M/T

[English]

Repair of Godowns

951. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of complaints received by the Government from District Manager, Food Corporation of India, Coochbehar, West Bengal regarding repair of Godowns and provision of sheds during the year 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 (till 31.10.96); and

(b) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Expansion of Sahibganj Exchange Bihar

952. SHRI THOMAS HANSDA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the ten Telephone Exchanges around Sahibganj in Bihar are functioning on old telegraph system;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to provide U.H.F. system or link with Optical Fibre System for the said tribal dominated area of the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof.